

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A quick release mud flap assembly ~~for removably attaching, said assembly being removably attachable~~ to a floor rail of a vehicle, said
5 assembly comprising:
a flexible panel having a bottom end, a top end, a pair of side edges, a first side
and a second side;
a rigid bracket being attached to and extending along a length of said top end;
a plurality of clamps, each of said clamps being attached to said bracket and
10 extending upwardly away therefrom, each of said clamps including an
actuator for selectively opening or closing said clamps, wherein each of
said clamps are closed when said actuators are in a downward position
located generally adjacent to said bracket and open when said actuators
are spaced away from said brackets, each of said clamps being selectively
15 coupled to the floor rail; and
a locking assembly for selectively locking said actuators in said downward
position.
2. (original) The assembly of claim 1, said bracket having a central portion
20 and a pair of arms, said central portion abutting said top end and each of said arms
abutting one of said first and second sides.
3. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said plurality of clamps
includes at least three clamps spaced from each other.
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4. (original) The assembly of claim 2, wherein said locking assembly
includes:
an elongated member having a plurality of spaced apertures extending
therethrough;

a plurality of threaded posts, each of said posts being attached to and extending outwardly from a first of said arms, each of said posts being positioned for extending into one of said apertures;

5 a plurality of fasteners, each of said fasteners being removably coupled to one of said posts, wherein said elongated member may be selectively mounted on and secured to said posts such that said actuators are positioned between said elongated member and said bracket.

10 5. (currently amended) A quick release mud flap assembly ~~for removably attaching~~, said assembly being removably attachable to a floor rail of a vehicle, said assembly comprising:

a flexible panel having a bottom end, a top end, a pair of side edges, a first side and a second side;

15 a rigid bracket being attached to and extending along a length of said top end, said bracket having a central portion and a pair of arms, said central portion abutting said top end and each of said arms abutting one of said first and second sides;

20 a plurality of clamps, each of said clamps being attached to said bracket and extending upwardly away therefrom, each of said clamps including an actuator for selectively opening or closing said clamps, wherein each of said clamps are closed when said actuators are in a downward position located generally adjacent to said bracket and open when said actuators are spaced away from said brackets, each of said clamps being selectively coupled to the floor rail;

25 a locking assembly for selectively locking said actuators in said downward position, said locking assembly including;

an elongated member having a plurality of spaced apertures extending therethrough;

30 a plurality of threaded posts, each of said posts being attached to and extending outwardly from a first of said arms, each of said posts being orientated perpendicular to a plane of said first arm, each of

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said posts being positioned for extending into one of said apertures; plurality of fasteners, each of said fasteners being removably coupled to one of said posts, each of said fasteners comprising a fly nut, wherein said elongated member may be selectively mounted on and secured to said posts such that said actuators are positioned between said elongated member and said bracket.